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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
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TERRY LEE BATTLE,

Plaintiff

VS.

DIANNE BRANNEN; SANDRA V.
HARVEY; THURBERT E. BAKER;
JAMES E. DONALD,

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 5:06-CV-245 (DF)

ORDER

Plaintiff **TERRY LEE BATTLE**, an inmate at Valdosta State Prison in Valdosta, Georgia, has filed a *pro se* civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has also sought leave to proceed without prepayment of the \$350.00 filing fee or security therefor pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

The Prison Litigation Reform Act provides as follows:

In no event shall a prisoner bring a civil action or appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding under this section if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(g)

The Eleventh Circuit has concluded that §1915(g) does not violate the following: The doctrine of separation of powers; an inmate's right of access to the courts; an inmates right to due process of law; or an inmates right to equal protection. Accordingly, the Eleventh Circuit has upheld the constitutionality of §1915(g). *Rivera v. Allin*, 144 F.3d 719, 721-27 (11th Cir. 1998).

A review of court records reveals plaintiff has filed numerous civil actions in federal courts in the State of Georgia while incarcerated. At present, at least twelve of these complaints have been

dismissed as frivolous pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915: *Battle v. Ault*, 6:93-CV-127 (DHB) (S. D. Ga. February 15, 1994); *Battle v. Brooks*, 5:91-CV-210 (DF) (M. D. Ga. July 9, 1991); *Battle v. Brown*, 1:93-CV-377 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. February 10, 1994); *Battle v. Weston*, 5:96-CV-504 (HL) (M. D. Ga. February 11, 1997); *Battle v. U.S. Mental Health Assoc.*, 1:90-CV-532 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. May 4, 1990); *Battle v. Snow*, 1:92-CV-1053 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. June 9, 1992); *Battle v. Bush*, 1:91-CV-1123 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. June 20, 1991); *Battle v. Long*, 1:92-CV-1280 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. July 30, 1992); *Battle v. Carter*, 1:96-CV-2016 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. January 24, 1997); *Battle v. Morris*, 1:94-CV-3029 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. January 26, 1995); *Battle v. Brooks*, 1:90-CV-1699 (RCF) (N. D. Ga. June 28, 1990); *Battle v. U.S.A.*, 1:89-CV-2076 (RCF) (N.D. Ga. December 20, 1989).

Because plaintiff has had twelve prior dismissals, he cannot proceed *in forma pauperis* in the instant case unless he can show that he qualifies for the “imminent danger of serious physical injury” exception of § 1915(g). Plaintiff has not made such a showing. Therefore, plaintiff’s request to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **DENIED** and the instant action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice. If plaintiff wishes to bring a new civil rights action, he may do so by submitting new complaint forms and the entire \$350.00 filing fee at the time of filing the complaint.¹

SO ORDERED, this 24 day of July, 2006



DUROSS FITZPATRICK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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¹In *Dupree v. Palmer*, 284 F.3d 1234 (11th Cir. 2002), the Eleventh Circuit held that a prisoner cannot simply pay the filing fee after being denied *in forma pauperis* status, he must pay the filing fee at the time he initiates the suit.